

# Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists



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Washoe Valley, Truckee Meadows Region*

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# NCHF 2011

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If you were fortunate enough to get your Northern California Homebrew Festival tickets before they sold out then you're most likely ready for this year's event, which might just be one for the books for all you hop heads out there. With the theme being "Let's Go to the Hop" there's little doubt that the attendees will have brewed up some interesting and innovative concoctions. You might even say that this promises to be quite the (alpha) acid trip!

Mother Nature seems to be willing to give her blessing to the gathering, with predicted highs in the low eighties and overnight lows hovering just above fifty – perfect temperatures for the final week of summer.

The festival begins with "Hoppy Hour", a meet and greet session hosted by a couple homebrew clubs and featuring some of their delicious quaffs. The Friday Night Beer Dinner follows with the welcome return of chef Sean Paxton. For those not attending the dinner there will be food being served at the WZZ site. Bring something to share with fellow club members. Saturday brings the main events including the club keg competition, guest speakers, live music (bring your favorite instrument and join in the jam session), a raffle for some cool prizes and of course the great fun of sampling all the clubs' beer and food offerings. Past festivals have featured some spectacular hop bomb beers, so this year all the homebrewing braniacs should be trying to outdo themselves!

**\*\*note\*\*** Your humble editor won't be attending the festival this year. If you have pics that you might like to have included in the newsletter please email them to [fenian57@gmail.com](mailto:fenian57@gmail.com). Thanks



# August Meeting

Thanks go out to Rob and Elaine Bates for opening the Reno Homebrewer to the WZZ throng on August 6th. The viands and libations were on a par with what we've come to expect from club members.



# YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 6TH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR OKTOBERFEST, MUSIC, BEER, FRIENDS.  
BRING YOUR BEST SIDE DISH AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS  
HOMEBREW PROVIDED BUT IF YOU HAVE IT, BRING SOME TO SHARE

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 4PM, DINNER AT 6:30PM

3025 BARRANCA DR., SPANISH SPRINGS, RSVP

Please leave dogs and kids at home, Thanks!!

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**We're on the Web:**  
<http://washoezz.net>

**Upcoming meetings:**

It seems as if it's getting harder to find people who are interested in hosting WZZ meetings. There wasn't one in July, last month it was at the homebrew shop (where it was in November 2010) and as of the time of this writing there's no one who has expressed any interest in having the October or November gatherings at their house this year. In the not too distant past there were more willing hosts than there were available meetings. Perhaps the reason for this recent decline has its basis in the current economic situation, although there really isn't much expense involved in having a meeting. So is it just a lack of interest? Is this just a temporary lull in member enthusiasm? Or indeed are the Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists on the wane? Maybe these questions should be addressed by those in attendance at the NCHF. It wasn't very long ago that the purpose and direction of the club's meetings were debated at one of the affairs, although the outcome of that discussion seems to be somewhat ambiguous. If you have any input on this topic please talk to Rob or put your thoughts in an email and send it along.

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